

## **Status and Information Report: Week of October 24-28, 2011**

### **Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of October 31, 2011:**

- The City Council will not meet on October 31.
- Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee meeting, Thursday, November 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Takoma Park Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org) to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

**Voting by Absentee Ballot:** Any Takoma Park resident who is registered to vote may vote by absentee ballot. Registered voters may request an application for a regular absentee ballot from the City Clerk or download the application form: [http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/election/2011/ab\\_app\\_fillable\\_2011.pdf](http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/election/2011/ab_app_fillable_2011.pdf). Completed applications must be filed with the Clerk not later than seven days prior to the election (4:00 p.m., November 1). Upon verification of a voters eligibility, an absentee ballot will be issued either by mail or in person. The completed ballot must be received by the Clerk prior to the closing of the polls at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day (November 8). *(City Clerk)*

**Late Absentee Ballots / In-Person Absentee Voting.** Beginning November 2 and continuing until November 7, voters may apply in person and vote by absentee ballot. Voters may vote at the City Clerks Office at 7500 Maple Avenue at the following times:

Wednesday, November 2: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 4: 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5: 12 noon 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 7: 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact Jessie Carpenter at [JessieC@takomagov.org](mailto:JessieC@takomagov.org). *(City Clerk)*

**Chamber Music Tonight:** Washington Musica Viva continues its new chamber music series this evening, Friday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. with a performance of Sonata in a minor Op. 105 by Robert Schumann and Trio Op. 90 ("Dumky") by Antonin Dvorak with Kathy Judd, violin, Adam Gonzalez, cello, and Carl Banner, piano. Admission fee. For more information <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD#!/event.php?eid=266937146677819> *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Halloween Parade - Location Change!** The location of the Takoma Park Recreation Department's Halloween Events scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2011, has been changed. The Costume Contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. at a new location, Piney Branch Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room (7510 Maple Avenue). The contest will be followed by an Awards Ceremony and Party at 6:15 where we will serve cookies, juice and hot chocolate while jamming to the musical sounds of the RTT's. *(Recreation)*

**Canine Costume Contest Canceled:** The Canine Costume contest scheduled for October 29, at 3:00 p.m. has been canceled. No make-up date has been scheduled at this time. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290 for further information. *(Recreation)*

**Celebrate "Día de Los Muertos" Tomorrow:** Join us at the Takoma Park Community Center on Saturday, October 29, as we celebrate "Día de Los Muertos" - a traditional holiday dedicated to the remembrance of one's ancestors! Create your own personal 'shrine' to a beloved memory at 1:00 p.m. with Anya Blakeley. End the day with a free performance by the De Colores Mexican Folk Dance Company of DC at 7:30 p.m. Details can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD#!/TakomaParkMD?sk=events> *(Housing and Community Development)*

**Financial Management Classes - Free to Takoma Park Residents:** Only two classes remain open - "Changing The Way You Think About Finances" (November 2) and "Thinking Like An Investor" (November 16). Both classes will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, 7:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**"Helicopter Parents:"** Ever wonder how typical your childhood was? Or feel anxious about how you are raising your own children? In this lecture, renowned historian Peter Stearns will challenge us to revisit how we view both childhood and child rearing. Join us on Thursday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium for an historical overview of our evolving notions of childhood and their impact on parenting.

<http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD#!/event.php?eid=226436444086009> (*Housing and Community Development*)

**Public Works Facility is Open:** The Public Works office staff has moved back to the facility as of October 27, 2011 - 31 Oswego Avenue. If Public Work services are needed, please call or come by our renovated administrative office. Public Works office staff will no longer be available at the Community Center. Please come to the Public Works office at 31 Oswego Avenue if you need to pay for pick up of heavy items, drop-off a permit application, or replace your recycling container. Staff phone numbers are the same. If you have any questions, please contact the main Public Works office at 301-891-7633. The final Public Works Facility renovations are expected to be completed by mid-November. (*Public Works*)

**Community Circle Times Canceled on Election Day:** On Election Day, Tuesday November 8, both sessions of Community Circle Time will be canceled. (*Library*)

**Book Sale was a Success:** The Friends of the Library book sale held on October 22 netted \$2,405.73. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make the sale a success! (*Library*)

**Comics Jam with Dave Burbank:** This coming Tuesday at 4:00 p.m., Comics Jam with Dave Burbank returns to the Library. Share some of your favorite comics and graphic novels as Dave reads aloud and shows them on the big screen. No registration required. (*Library*)

**Friends Reading Group:** On Wednesday November 2 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Kelly Cresap continues the Friends Reading Group discussion of John Fowles' masterpiece, "Daniel Martin," in the Community Center Hydrangea Room. All are welcome, regardless of whether you have read the book or not. (*Library*)

**National Gaming Day Celebration:** On Saturday November 12 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. when the Library will celebrate National Gaming Day with a special Dungeons and Dragons program led by D & D Master and Library Assistant Dave Burbank. This program is best for kids 8 and up; families are welcome to come and play together. Registration is required. (*Library*)

**Tomas Eaglebear Returns:** Tomas (Shash) Eaglebear returns to the Library with members of his family on Wednesday November 16 at 7:00 p.m. for songs, stories and dances highlighting southwestern Native American culture. Please pre-register. (*Library*)

**New Online Resources for Kids:** On Saturday November 19 at 2:00 p.m., a special presentation by Karen MacPherson and Rebecca Brown will introduce some of our new online resources for kids. We will read some of our online books together via the big screen, try out some games and puzzles, and try out our new language learning program for kids Little Pim. No registration is necessary. (*Library*)

**Seniors Computer Class:** Fall session II of the popular Computer Class for Seniors began this week on Wednesday, October 26. The class is filled to capacity (8 students), and runs through December 7. For information about future sessions, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program at 301-891-7280, [PaulaL@takomagov.org](mailto:PaulaL@takomagov.org). (*Recreation*)

**Seniors Bingo:** Fifteen seniors came to the Takoma Park Community Center on Thursday, October 27, to play bingo in the Senior Room. We welcomed two seniors who are new to the program and to our bingo games day. Both newcomers experienced "beginners luck" and each won a game. (*Recreation*)

**Winter Basketball League Volunteers Needed:** The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for spirited and dedicated people to volunteer as coaches, game clock attendants and score keepers. No

experience is necessary as training is provided. For additional information on how to volunteer please contact Lew McAllister at (301) 891-7284 or [LewM@takomagov.org](mailto:LewM@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*

**Outdoor Street Hockey Program Extended:** Due to overwhelming response by parents and participants the Outdoor Street Hockey program will be extended two more weeks. The new end date for the program will be Thursday, November 10, 2011. For additional information please contact Lew McAllister at 301-891-7284 or [LewM@takomagov.org](mailto:LewM@takomagov.org). *(Recreation)*

**Go Deep Flag Football Program Only One More Week:** Wednesday, November 2, will be the last and final meeting for the fall flag football program. Program has been nothing less than spectacular allowing each participant the opportunity to get better each week. Skills have developed in the following areas: catching, passing and route running. Next week is poised to be a great ending! *(Recreation)*

**Pumpkin Carving Workshop is a Haunted Hit:** On Thursday, October 27, youth were entertained by carving and decorating pumpkins. There were many designs created such as ghosts, goblins, and other scary characters carved into the jack-o-lanterns. Youth ages 5-12 participated in this activity. *(Recreation)*

**Talent Show:** Most Afternoon Addition clubs have ended for 2011 with the exception of Art, Swimming and Taekwondo as they get ready for their first talent show of the year on November 11, at 3:00 p.m. The clubs will restart when the participants return in 2012. Please call Ms. Dana or Ms. Steffany at 240-676-6711 for further information. *(Recreation)*

**Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (October 21-27, 2011) may be viewed online at [http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly\\_27.html](http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/10/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_27.html). *(Police)*

#### **Police in Meetings:**

##### October 24, 2011 - October 27, 2011

Chief Ricucci spoke to multiple Kindergarten classes from Piney Branch Elementary School and Takoma Park Elementary School.

##### October 25, 2011

Capt. Coursey attended a training session on Earthquake Preparedness for Schools, hosted by FEMA and MWCOC. The trainers were experts from the LA County Unified School District. MCPS representatives were also in attendance. Much of what was learned can be applicable to private schools, City employees, library and recreation staff and program attendees, and the general public. The basic guidance for people experiencing a significant earthquake is to "drop, cover and hold on." Specifically, this means to immediately get down on the floor and crawl under a desk or table, cover your head with one arm and hold on to the table leg with the other. The onset is usually very sudden, and most injuries in an earthquake occur from items or debris that are literally thrown around inside the building, or fall from the ceiling, roof or walls on the outside. For these reasons, it is not recommended that people try to travel far within a building or try to escape from the building as it is in these two manners that most people are injured.

##### October 26, 2011

Capt. Coursey and Ms. Daryl Braithwaite attended a meeting with FEMA representatives to go over potentially reimbursable expenses incurred during the response to Hurricane Irene.

##### October 27, 2011

Capt. Coursey and Lt. Collington attended "EOC 101" training at the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center. It is the first class in a new certification program under development by Montgomery

County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security staff for all EOC responders.

October 28, 2011

Capt. Coursey participated in a regional webinar on National Capital Region transportation and evacuation issues during an event such as a "Dirty Bomb" in the District. *(Police)*

**Police Training:** On October 27 and October 28, Sgt. Skibicki, Cpl. Largent, Pfc. Barber, Pfc. Godlewski and Pfc. Hubley attended training entitled Current Trends VII: The Second Decade at the Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police)*

**Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 125 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, eight arrests from traffic and five vehicle impounds. During October 20-25, 2011, the following details were completed:

October 20, 2011

Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four warnings.

October 24, 2011

New Hampshire Avenue at Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.

Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader/suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and issued 11 State citations.

October 25, 2011

4th Avenue at Cockerille Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a two and a half hour detail and issued 15 warnings.  
*(Police)*

**Traffic Officer's Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):**

Calls for service: 3

State Citations issued: 48

City tickets: 7

Reports: 1

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 2

Warnings: 1

Court: 8 hours  
*(Police)*

